

California Air Resources Board
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Dear California Air Resources Board and staff,

I urge you to strengthen your Draft Scoping Plan for AB 32 to ensure that California's environment and economy are protected for future generations. The plan should include a cushion of measures to reduce global warming pollution to ensure the mandatory limit of AB 32 is met.

Specifically:

** I support the draft plan's call for a better regional planning approach and giving people more choices to get out of their cars, but the board should greatly increase by several times its global warming pollution reduction target for land use;

** the plan should identify measures to expand and accelerate water efficiency programs to achieve a 20 percent reduction in per capita urban water use by 2020, and improved agricultural water efficiency -- I strongly support a public good surcharge to provide sustained funding for these programs;

** the plan should include measures to address the demand for wood and paper products, including recycling and increased efficiency in the production and use of wood products;

** regulations for the industrial sector, particularly for refineries, should be included as a critical element of the plan to ensure basic health protections in our communities;

** I support the draft plan's call for 33 percent of our electricity to come from renewable sources, as well as its emphasis on energy efficiency, and I support the implementation of additional policies, such as energy efficiency requirements when a building is sold;

** measures to reduce waste and encourage recycling and composting should be added to the plan;

** the plan should ensure that polluters are held responsible and pay for their emissions, and that these funds are used to invest in clean energy solutions and further pollution reductions.

The Global Warming Solutions Act is a continuing example of California's leadership. I urge you to make the above improvements in the Proposed Scoping Plan to be released on October 3rd to ensure that California will create a clean energy economy, spurring innovation, investment, job creation and economic growth.